



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Rhode Island Water Celebration Day

WHEREAS, throughout our state's history, Rhode Islanders have always treasured the majesty of our state's coastline and waterways; and we value the purity and abundance of the state's water resources, and recognize the economic necessity of insuring, preserving, and improving the continuous use and preservation of this most valued asset; and

WHEREAS, our state's founding fathers acknowledged and guaranteed all Rhode Islanders "the privileges of the shore" and security "in their rights to the use and enjoyment of the natural resources of the state" in Article 1, Section 17, of Rhode Island's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, an even more fundamental truth is that without water, there would be no life; as water is intrinsic to all living things; and these irrefutable facts are the basis for ongoing partnerships and alliances between myriad state, federal, and local government agencies, as well as non-profit and private businesses, and citizen conservation groups; and

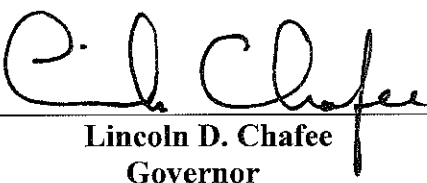
WHEREAS, the united efforts of these organizations, as well as leadership and guidance provided by Leadership Rhode Island and generations of committed leaders in our state, are critical to Rhode Island's initiatives to safeguard, preserve, and promote the Ocean State's water resources; and

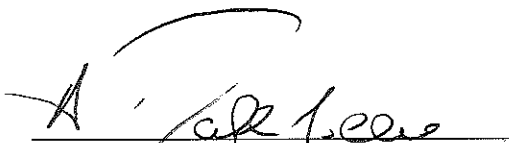
WHEREAS, through the celebration of "Rhode Island Water Celebration Day," organizations throughout the state hope to educate and highlight the positive and vital aspects water conservation and preservation has on our state's citizenry and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 Rhode Island Water Celebration Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 7th day of September, 2011


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State